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In re Application of:)
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For: X-RAY GENERATING APPARATUS,)
X-RAY IMAGING APPARATUS, AND)
X-RAY INSPECTION SYSTEM)



Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents discussed in the paragraphs below and listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed concurrently with the new application for the above-referenced application.

An International Search Report (second sheet) dated June 13, 2000 and a translation of an International Preliminary Examination Report (IPER) are attached together with the references cited thereon, along with one additional reference. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the International Search Report, IPER, and cited references and evidence that consideration by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

The following documents are listed on the accompanying PTO-1449 and are in a language other than English. As for relevance, English language Abstracts or the first page of a corresponding European Patent Application are included. Additionally, document nos. 1-3 are

listed on the International Search Report, document nos. 1-5 are listed on the IPER, and U.S.

Patent No. 5,077,771 listed on the PTO-1449 is discussed at page 1 of the specification.

1. JP 64-33899 (English language Abstract included)
2. JP 5-188018 (English language Abstract included)
3. JP 8-178872 (English language Abstract included)
4. JP 2-297850 (English language Abstract included)
5. JP 62-188148 (1st page of corresponding European Patent Application No. 236 573 included)

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that each or all of the listed documents are material or constitute "prior art." If it should be determined that any of the listed documents do not constitute "prior art" under United States law, Applicants reserve the right to present to the office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such document.

Applicants further reserve the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over the listed documents, should one or more of the documents be applied against the claims of the present application.

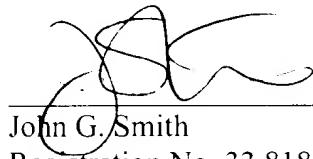
Except for issue fees payable under 37 C.F.R. § 1.18, the Commissioner is hereby authorized by this paper to charge any additional fees during the entire pendency of this

application including fees due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required, including any required extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0310.

This paragraph is intended to be a **CONSTRUCTIVE PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME** in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3).

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